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FROM NEA/ARN, DRAPER

E.O. 11652: DECLASSIFY JUNE 20, 1977

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SUBJECT: DR. ASPER

1. I MENTIONED TO PROMINENT DOCTOR WHO HAS ASSISTED DEPT.
AND WHITE HOUSE WITH SEVERAL IMPORTANT PROJECTS THAT
DR. ASPER OF AUH HAS IN THE PAST ENCOUNTERED DIFFICULTIES
IN RECRUITING CERTAIN PEOPLE. PROMINENT DOCTOR SAID HE
THOUGHT HE COULD BE HELPFUL AND IN TURN GOT IN TOUCH WITH
FRANK GOFFIO OF CARE AND CARE-MEDICO. WHILE CARE NORMALLY
WOULD NOT OPERATE IN LEBANON BECAUSE OF ITS RELATIVELY HIGH
INCOME, IN GOFFIO'S OPINION A CASE MIGHT BE MADE FOR A
LIMITED CARE OPERATION DURING THE RECONSTRUCTION PERIOD.
IN THAT EVENT, CARE-MEDICO THEORETICALLY COULD HELP RE-
CRUIT AND POSSIBLY SUPPORT FINANCIALLY TO SOME DEGREE SOME
MEDICAL PERSONNEL FOR AUH.

2. WITHOUT DISCUSSING WITH ASPER, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR
COMMENTS. IN ANY EVENT, PLEASE LET ME KNOW WHETHER ASPER
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IS STILL LOOKING FOR PEOPLE, WHAT THEIR QUALIFICATIONS
WOULD HAVE TO BE, AND WHAT SALARY AUH WOULD PAY. EVEN IF
CARE OPERATION IS A NON-STARTER, I MIGHT BE ABLE TO
MOBILIZE SOME RECRUITMENT HELP FOR ASPER THROUGH THESE USE-
FUL CONTACTS. CHRISTOPHER

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